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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please make the following amended claims of record. The amendments put the claims into conventional United States patent claim format, and do not contain new matter. The new claims contain subject matter of original claims, but correct improper multiple dependency. A version of the claims showing amendments is attached hereto on a separate page.

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

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1. (amended) A process for the production of cellulosic fibres from solutions of cellulose in an aqueous tertiary amine oxide comprising (i) extruding

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